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Edward A. Flynn, Chief of Police

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NATIONAL COPS OFFICE DIRECTOR COMES TO MILWAUKEE TO GIVE OATH FOR NEW MPD RECRUIT CLASS

WHAT: Oath of Honor for new class of Milwaukee Police Officer Recruits

WHEN: 10 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2010

WHO: Bernard Melekian, Director, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn. Attendees are expected to include representatives from the offices of U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl, U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold, U.S. Rep. Gwendolyn Moore, state and local law enforcement and elected officials, Milwaukee Police Department Command Staff

WHERE: Gymnasium, Milwaukee Safety Academy, 6680 N. Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee; Flag Raising to be held immediately after in front of Academy

DETAILS: The administering of the Oath of Honor to the current class of 47 Milwaukee Police Recruits who are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be a special occasion this year.

Our honored guest, Bernard K. Melekian, Director of the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, is flying in specially from Washington, DC to administer this oath to our recruit class and to share some words of encouragement, along with Chief Flynn. Director Melekian also will act as the class sponsor.

Following the oath will be a ceremony outside where Chief Flynn, together with Director Melekian, will raise the American flag in front of the Academy. The flag was brought back from Iraq by Milwaukee Police Officer Eric Wurth who was deployed there last year and who has now returned safely to us. After having served his country overseas, he continues to serve the city of Milwaukee as a Police Officer. Officer Wurth will join in the raising of the flag, along with the Milwaukee Police Honor Guard.

"It is an honor for Milwaukee to have the COPS Director Melekian recognize its police department as exemplary and to be one of the few departments in the country to receive the prestigious COPS grant for 50 officers," Chief Flynn said.

The media are encouraged to cover the event. Please RSVP your attendance via e-mail to Anne E. Schwartz, Milwaukee Police, at aschwa@milwaukee.gov

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